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SUBJECT: Waste Area Group 7 – Operable Unit (OU) 7-10, Pit 9 Record of Decision, Request for Extension - (EM-ER-162-00)

REFERENCE:

- (1) DOE Letter, K. E. Hain/DOE-Idaho to W. Pierre/EPA (X) and D. Nygard/IDEQ, Subject: "Waste Area Group 7 – Request for Modification of Milestones," April 13, 2000
- (2) DOE Letter, K. E. Hain/DOE-Idaho to W. Pierre/EPA (X) and D. Nygard/IDEQ, Subject: "OU 7-10 Staged Interim Action Project – Transmittal of the Stage II Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan," June 30, 2000
- (3) DOE Letter, K. E. Hain/DOE-Idaho to W. Pierre/EPA (X) and D. Nygard/IDEQ, Subject: "Waste Area Group 7, Responses to EPA Region 10 Letter Dated July 7, 2000 and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Letter Dated July 19, 2000," August 15, 2000
- (4) IDEQ and EPA (X) Various response letters to above DOE letters: EPA (X) – letters of April 26, 2000, May 12, 2000, July 7, 2000 and August 17, 2000; IDEQ letters of May 11, 2000, July 19, 2000 and August 22, 2000

Dear Messrs. Pierre and Nygard:

On August 15, 2000, the Department of Energy (DOE) formally requested an extension of enforceable milestones for the Operable Unit (OU) 7-10 Staged Interim Action Project (Pit 9 Interim Action Record of Decision) (Reference 3). DOE's extension request was responded to with statements of nonconcurrence by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 (EPA), on August 17, 2000, and by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) on August 22, 2000 (Reference 4). Your letters requested that we provide additional detail to support the extension request.

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We will be able to provide the additional detail you requested after our initial review of agency comments on the Stage II Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan, expected for receipt on August 28, 2000. This initial screening of comments will be completed by September 25, 2000. We would therefore hope to submit an updated and more definitive extension request, accompanied by the details you requested, on or about September 27, 2000. We believe this next submittal will fully address the questions you raised.

We look forward to meeting with you on August 29-31, 2000, and believe that regular meetings of this kind will promote a common understanding of the remedial strategy we are proposing. Please contact me (208-526-4329) if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



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RECORD NOTES:

1. This letter is DOE notice of intent to provide additional detail in its pursuit of negotiated enforceable schedule extensions for the OU 7-10 project with the IDEQ and EPA (X).
2. B. G. Edgerton (EM) prepared this letter in coordination with K. E. Hain, B. R. Bowhan, HQ/EM-41 and others. *DOE 8/24/00*
3. This letter/memo closes OATS number N/A
4. The attached correspondence has no relation to the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. Naval Reactors concurrence is not required.

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